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(PCT Rule 61.2)

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60132-069

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18 June 1999 (18.06.99)

Applicant

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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:



in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

20 December 2000 (20.12.00)



in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

 International application No.
 PCT/US00/16795
A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : C12Q 1/00, 1/68; G01N 1/30, 21/64, 21/76, 33/53; G06K 9/00

US CL : 250/461.2; 382/128; 435/4, 6, 40.5, 968, 973; 436/172

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 250/461.2; 382/128; 435/4, 6, 40.5, 968, 973; 436/172

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

WEST, MEDLINE, CHEMICAL ABSTRACT, BIOSIS

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 4,931,223 A (BRONSTEIN et al.) 05 June 1990.	1-14
Y, P	US 6,007,994 A (WARD et al.) 28 December 1999, see column 2 first full paragraph, column 13 first full paragraph.	1-14
Y	US 5,817,462 A (GARINI et al.) 06 October 1998, see columns 8-11.	1-14



Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.



See patent family annex.

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* A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	* X* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
* B* earlier document published on or after the international filing date	* Y* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
* L* document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)	* A* document member of the same patent family
* O* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means	
* P* document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed	

Date of the actual completion of the international search

17 AUGUST 2000

Date of mailing of the international search report

06 SEP 2000

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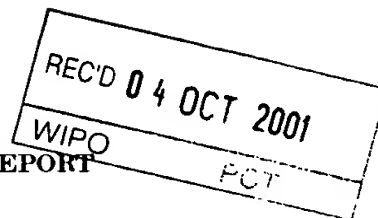
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)



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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC Please See Supplemental Sheet.		
Applicant VIRTEK VISION CORPORATION		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets.

☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 0 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US00/16795

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

☒ the international application as originally filed☒ the description:

pages 1-6, as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of

☒ the claims:

pages 7-10, as originally filed
pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of

☒ the drawings:

pages 1, as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of

☒ the sequence listing part of the description:

pages NONE, as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

☐ contained in the international application in printed form.☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:☒ the description, pages NONE☒ the claims, Nos. NONE☒ the drawings, sheets/fig. NONE5. ☐ This report has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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**Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-14</u>	YES
	Claims <u>none</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>none</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-14</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-14</u>	YES
	Claims <u>none</u>	NO

2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-14 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Garini.

Garini (5,817,462) teaches in column 13, scanning specimens which have been labeled with different fluorophores and scanned with an array of detectors. In column 21 the use of multiple fluorophores is a common tool for analyzing tissues and cells. In column 22 it is possible to analyze many spectrally related parameters simultaneously. In column 23 determining various spectra is discussed.

The claims differ from Garini in that they specify a forward and reverse direction.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in this art at the time the invention was made to scan in any desired direction or directions in view of Garini who broadly teaches scanning and interpretation of resulting pixels.

_____ NEW CITATIONS _____

NONE

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of: Boxes I - VIII

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CLASSIFICATION:

The International Patent Classification (IPC) and/or the National classification are as listed below:

IPC(7): C12Q 1/00, 1/68; G01N 1/30, 21/64, 21/76, 33/53; G06K 9/00 and US Cl.: 250/461.2; 382/128; 435/4, 6, 40.5, 968, 973; 436/172

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RAPPORT D'EXAMEN PRELIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL

(article 36 et règle 70 du PCT)



Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire BLOjpp226/78	POUR SUITE A DONNER voir la notification de transmission du rapport d'examen préliminaire international (formulaire PCT/IPEA/416)	
Demande internationale n° PCT/FR00/01620	Date du dépôt international (jour/mois/année) 09/06/2000	Date de priorité (jour/mois/année) 09/06/1999
Classification internationale des brevets (CIB) ou à la fois classification nationale et CIB G01N33/569		
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1. Le présent rapport d'examen préliminaire international, établi par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, est transmis au déposant conformément à l'article 36.
2. Ce RAPPORT comprend 4 feuilles, y compris la présente feuille de couverture.
 - ☐ Il est accompagné d'ANNEXES, c'est-à-dire de feuilles de la description, des revendications ou des dessins qui ont été modifiées et qui servent de base au présent rapport ou de feuilles contenant des rectifications faites auprès de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (voir la règle 70.16 et l'instruction 607 des Instructions administratives du PCT).

Ces annexes comprennent feuilles.

3. Le présent rapport contient des indications relatives aux points suivants:
 - I ☒ Base du rapport
 - II ☐ Priorité
 - III ☐ Absence de formulation d'opinion quant à la nouveauté, l'activité inventive et la possibilité d'application industrielle
 - IV ☐ Absence d'unité de l'invention
 - V ☒ Déclaration motivée selon l'article 35(2) quant à la nouveauté, l'activité inventive et la possibilité d'application industrielle; citations et explications à l'appui de cette déclaration
 - VI ☐ Certains documents cités
 - VII ☐ Irrégularités dans la demande internationale
 - VIII ☐ Observations relatives à la demande internationale

Date de présentation de la demande d'examen préliminaire internationale 29/12/2000	Date d'achèvement du présent rapport 28.06.2001
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I. Base du rapport

1. En ce qui concerne les éléments de la demande internationale (*les feuilles de remplacement qui ont été remises à l'office récepteur en réponse à une invitation faite conformément à l'article 14 sont considérées dans le présent rapport comme "initialement déposées" et ne sont pas jointes en annexe au rapport puisqu'elles ne contiennent pas de modifications (règles 70.16 et 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

1-27 version initiale

Revendications, N°:

1-20 version initiale

Dessins, feuilles:

1/8-8/8 version initiale

Partie de la demande réservée au listage des séquences, pages:

1-3, déposées sous couvert d'une lettre du 09.06.00

2. En ce qui concerne la **langue**, tous les éléments indiqués ci-dessus étaient à la disposition de l'administration ou lui ont été remis dans la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale a été déposée, sauf indication contraire donnée sous ce point.

Ces éléments étaient à la disposition de l'administration ou lui ont été remis dans la langue suivante: , qui est :

- ☐ la langue d'une traduction remise aux fins de la recherche internationale (selon la règle 23.1(b)).
- ☐ la langue de publication de la demande internationale (selon la règle 48.3(b)).
- ☐ la langue de la traduction remise aux fins de l'examen préliminaire internationale (selon la règle 55.2 ou 55.3).

3. En ce qui concerne les **séquences de nucléotides ou d'acide aminés** divulguées dans la demande internationale (le cas échéant), l'examen préliminaire internationale a été effectué sur la base du listage des séquences :

- ☒ contenu dans la demande internationale, sous forme écrite.
- ☒ déposé avec la demande internationale, sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur.
- ☐ remis ultérieurement à l'administration, sous forme écrite.
- ☐ remis ultérieurement à l'administration, sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur.
- ☐ La déclaration, selon laquelle le listage des séquences par écrit et fourni ultérieurement ne va pas au-delà de la divulgation faite dans la demande telle que déposée, a été fournie.
- ☐ La déclaration, selon laquelle les informations enregistrées sous déchiffrable par ordinateur sont identiques à celles du listage des séquences Présenté par écrit, a été fournie.

4. Les modifications ont entraîné l'annulation :

- ☐ de la description, pages :
- ☐ des revendications, n°s :
- ☐ des dessins, feuilles :

5. ☐ Le présent rapport a été formulé abstraction faite (de certaines) des modifications, qui ont été considérées comme allant au-delà de l'exposé de l'invention tel qu'il a été déposé, comme il est indiqué ci-après (règle 70.2(c)) :

(Toute feuille de remplacement comportant des modifications de cette nature doit être indiquée au point 1 et annexée au présent rapport)

6. Observations complémentaires, le cas échéant :

V. Déclaration motivée selon l'article 35(2) quant à la nouveauté, l'activité inventive et la possibilité d'application industrielle; citations et explications à l'appui de cette déclaration

1. Déclaration

Nouveauté	Oui : Revendications	1-20
	Non : Revendications	
Activité inventive	Oui : Revendications	1-20
	Non : Revendications	
Possibilité d'application industrielle	Oui : Revendications	1-20
	Non : Revendications	

2. Citations et explications
voir feuille séparée

1). Préambule

L'objet de la présente invention concerne la protéine NS1 d'un flavivirus/du virus de la dengue notamment ainsi que cette protéine sous forme exprimée.

2). Point V.2.

2.1. L'objet des revendications 1-16 et 19-20 concerne un procédé de purification de cette protéine sous forme hexamérique ainsi que l'utilisation de cette protéine. Ce procédé ainsi que l'utilisation (de cet hexamère) selon les revendications susmentionnées ne semblent pas avoir été décrits dans les documents qui sont indiqués dans le rapport de recherche. L'art antérieur le plus proche semblerait correspondre à ce qui est indiqué dans **D1**: publication de Crooks et al. (1994), cf. D1, p.3459, col. de gauche; ce document ne semblerait indiquer que la présence (de NS1) sous forme d'un pentamère ou d'un hexamère. Notons que D1 est cité dans la demande.

2.2. Expression de cette protéine NS1 du virus de la dengue/composition immunogène selon les revendications 17 et 18: l'objet de ces revendications sembleraient être nouveau et inventif; également au vu du document **D7**: publication de Flamand et al. qui décrit l'expression de la protéine NS1 d'un flavivirus différent du virus de la dengue; une utilisation de la protéine exprimée dans une composition immunogène n'est pas suggéré dans D7.

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Translation

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC G01N 33/569, C07K 14/18, A61K 39/12, 48/00, 39/395		
Applicant INSTITUT PASTEUR		

<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.</p>	
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <p>I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report</p> <p>II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority</p> <p>III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</p> <p>IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention</p> <p>V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</p> <p>VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited</p> <p>VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application</p> <p>VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application</p>	

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/FR00/01620

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of *(Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.)*:

- ☐ the international application as originally filed.
- ☒ the description, pages 1-27, as originally filed,
 pages _____, filed with the demand,
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____,
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☒ the claims, Nos. 1-20, as originally filed,
 Nos. _____, as amended under Article 19,
 Nos. _____, filed with the demand,
 Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____,
 Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☒ the drawings, sheets/fig 1/8-8/8, as originally filed,
 sheets/fig _____, filed with the demand,
 sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____,
 sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____.

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-20	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-20	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-20	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations**1. Preamble**

The subject matter of the present invention relates to the NS1 protein of a flavivirus, in particular the dengue virus, as well as said protein in an expressed form.

2. V.2

2.1 The subject matter of Claims 1-16 and 19-20 relates to a method for purifying said protein in hexameric form, as well as the use thereof. Said method, as well as the use (of said hexamer) according to the above-mentioned claims do not appear to have been described in the documents cited in the international search report. The closest prior art would appear to correspond to the disclosure of D1 (publication by Crooks et al. (1994), cf. D1, page 3459, left-hand column); said document only appears to indicate the presence of NS1 in the form of a pentamer or a hexamer. It should be noted that D1 is cited in the application.

2.2 With regard to the expression of said NS1

protein of the dengue virus and to the immunogenic composition according to Claims 17 and 18: the subject matter of said claims appears to be novel and inventive over **D7** (publication by Flamand et al.), which describes the expression of the NS1 protein of a flavivirus other than the dengue virus and does not suggest the use of the expressed protein in an immunogenic composition.